

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of September 19, 2005 has been reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claim 1 has been amended consistent with the Examiner's suggestions and claims 1-20 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Usami (U.S. Pat. No. 5,748,342, hereinafter Usami).

Claim 1 does not teach or disclose each and every aspect of the invention. While claim 1 stands rejected as being anticipated by Usami, the Examiner admits that claim 1 would distinguish from Usami if amended to clarify certain features of the claimed invention. For example, the Examiner suggests clarifying reference to the features of "group of points", "geometry of the group of points", and "that the transferring of the group of points from the initial color space to the physiologically substantially equal-spaced perceived color space causes the spatial relationship between the corresponding color points in the two color spaces to be constant or unchanged." *See*

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Applicant has amended claim 1 consistent with the suggestions of the Examiner. As such, claim 1 is allowable as currently written since Usami fails to teach or disclose each and every element. For example, as admitted by the Examiner, Usami fails to teach or disclose the transferring step as amended, which now reads:

"transferring the group of points into a physiologically substantially equal-spaced perceived color space thereby keeping the spatial relationship between corresponding color points of the two color spaces unchanged and maintaining the group of points within the limits of an output color space projected into the perceived color space"

As such, claim 1 is now allowable and recognition of such is respectfully requested.

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Dependent claims 2-20 are allowable for all the reasons given above concerning the respective base claim, and further in view of their specific recitations that have not been shown to be in (or obvious from) the prior art.

CONCLUSION

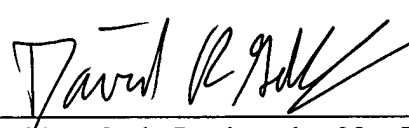
All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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